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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the consideration shown by the Office, as evidenced by the Office Action, mailed on February 24, 2003. In that Office Action, the Examiner required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species from the following groups:

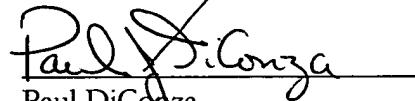
- I. Figures 1-8;
- II. Figures 9-11; and
- III. Figures 12-15.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the species in Group I, Figures 1-8, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally

held to be allowable. The claims in the present application that correspond to the elected group include claims 1-22.

Applicants believe they have provided a complete and responsive reply to the Office Action of February 24, 2003. If, however, any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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